

## COMMISSION MEMBERS

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**Poppi Handy, AIA, LEED AP, Vice Chair**, received her Bachelor of Architecture from Ball State University in 1997. She has been with SMR Architects since 2000 and a principal at the firm since 2009. Her practice focuses on community-based design where she collaborates on projects ranging from site and service intensive new construction to single-building historic preservation. Poppi works extensively with non-profit housing providers to develop historic, affordable and sustainable projects that make a positive impact on their communities. Her work in historic preservation has been awarded with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer's Valerie Svinski Award for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation and the NAHRO Award for Program Innovation and Community Revitalization.

**Tom Hitzroth, Chair**, worked for the State of Washington for 37 years before retiring recently to devote more time to public history endeavors. He has been involved with heritage museums and historic preservation efforts since 1991 and has served on the boards of many historical organizations on the Eastside. He is currently Chairman of the City of Redmond Landmark Commission, and regularly provides input to the City on matters such as amendments to the comprehensive plan and municipal code, as well as cultural resource issues related to capital improvement projects. Tom also advises owners of landmark properties on preservation standards. During his time on the King County Landmarks Commission he has been the primary proponent of the Historic Cemetery Initiative, and has volunteered many hours to document cemeteries around the county.

**Lorelea Hudson** grew up in King County, graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Anthropology, and then left Washington State to pursue a Master's degree in historical archaeology from the University of Idaho and to found one of the first cultural resources management companies in the Pacific Northwest. While in Idaho, Lorelea served on the Idaho State Historical Society Board of Trustees and was active in local historic preservation organizations. Lorelea returned to the Puget Sound region nearly 20 years ago and is a Senior Archaeologist and Project Manager for SWCA Environmental Consultants. Her specialty at SWCA is historical archaeology and historic preservation, as well as cultural resources compliance – NEPA, SEPA, and Section 106. She says the best part of her job is getting to meet and work with residents throughout King County who generously share their family and community histories.

**Kji Kelly** is Director of Real Estate for Historic Seattle with nearly 20 years of experience saving, re-using and maintaining historic properties. His professional career includes work as a Project Manager for the Pennsylvania Capital Preservation Committee, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the Facilities Management Department at Duke University. Kji has a B.A. from Dickinson College and two certificates from the University of Washington in Commercial Real Estate and Construction Management. He is a resident of Vashon Island.

**Mary McCormick** is an architectural historian with over 27 years of professional experience in historic preservation. She has spent most of carrier as a working partner in a small cultural resource firm based in Butte, Montana, home to the nation's largest National Landmark Historic District. Mary moved to Seattle and assumed a historian position with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2011. She has particular expertise in the inventory and evaluation of commercial, residential and industrial resources. As a former member of the Butte Historic Preservation

Commission, Mary is acutely aware of the complexities of balancing historic preservation needs with other community issues.

**Thaisa Way, PhD, is** a teacher and scholar of landscape architectural history and architectural history. Her educational and professional experience have engaged issues of preservation, interpretation, stewardship, exhibition, and planning of culturally important sites, buildings, and places. For over two decades she has contributed to the fields of landscape and architectural preservation and stewardship. Thaisa has authored numerous journal articles, book chapters, reviews and brochures, and recently had her own book published, *Unbounded Practice: Women, Landscape Architecture, and early Twentieth-Century Design*. She has taught at numerous universities around the country, including the University of Virginia, Cornell, Ithaca College, and SUNY – Syracuse. She currently serves as an assistant professor with the University of Washington's Department of Landscape Architecture.

**Lynette Friberg Weber** lives in Kirkland and sits on the Commission's Design Review Committee. She has served on the boards of several heritage organizations including the Kirkland Heritage Society, Eastside Heritage, Marymoor Museum and the Association of King County Heritage Organizations. Lynette has spearheaded numerous historic preservation projects including fund raising for public tours of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places; identification, documentation and evaluation of Kirkland's historic resources as well as maintaining and updating the inventory of properties to provide reference and research materials for the community; and, salvage and estate sales for classic residential buildings earmarked for demolition. Lynette is a Licensed Realtor, a Certified Residential Architectural Specialist, and a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Washington State Association of Realtors.